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Allen Named Chair of Senate Commerce and Labor Committee

December 5, 2002 – Senator-elect Jason Allen, R-Traverse City, today was appointed by incoming Majority Leader Ken Sikkema, R-Wyoming, to the Senate Commerce and Labor Committee for the legislative session beginning in January 2003.

“Representative Allen is an outstanding leader for north Michigan,” Sikkema said. “His experience in the House of Representatives, as the Chair of the House Commerce Committee, and his understanding of the issues makes him extremely qualified to lead these committees.”

The Commerce and Labor Committee handles a wide range of legislation from economic development and employment training to finance and tourism.

“I look forward to serving the residents of Michigan as the Chair of the Commerce and Labor Committee,” Allen said. “Through bipartisan efforts we will foster the interests of Michigan workers, families and communities.”

First elected to the Michigan House of Representatives in 1998, Allen served as the Chair of the House Education Committee during the 1999-2000 term and has served as the Chair of the House Commerce Committee during the 2001-2002 term. In his first term, he also served on the Tax Policy, Conservation and Outdoor Recreation, and the Veterans Affairs Committees. He was elected to a second term in 2000 and is a member of the Education, Redistricting and Elections and the Veterans Affairs Committees.

Allen will be sworn in as State Senator from the 37th District on January 8, 2003. He will represent Grand Traverse, Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, Cheboygan, Presque Isle, Chippewa and Mackinac counties.

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Comments by Sen.-elect Allen on his appointment as Chairman of the Commerce and Labor Committee are available on the House Republican Newsline at (517) 373-0111.

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